

**HOSPITAL INDEMNITY PLAN 1**



**METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

**CERTIFICATE OF HOSPITAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE**

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company ("MetLife"), a stock company, certifies that You and Your Dependents are insured for the benefits described in this Certificate, subject to the provisions of this Certificate. References to coverage for Your Dependents throughout this Certificate only apply if insurance is in effect for Your Dependents. Please refer to the Covered Persons Specifications page and Eligibility Provisions: Dependent Insurance section for details.

This Certificate is issued to You under the Group Policy. This Certificate includes the terms and provisions of the Group Policy that describe Your insurance. **PLEASE READ THIS CERTIFICATE CAREFULLY.** The Group Policy is a contract between MetLife and the Group Policyholder. It may be changed or ended without Your consent or notice to You.

Group Policyholder: Aspen HR PEO, LLC  
Group Policy Number: 0230503  
MetLife Toll Free Number: 1-800-GETMET8

**Important Notice: The insurance evidenced by this Certificate provides limited benefits. The benefit amounts shown on the Schedule are not based on any medical expenses that are incurred. You should have medical coverage in force when You enroll for this insurance.**

**This is a supplement to health insurance. It is not a substitute for essential health benefits or minimum essential coverage as defined in federal law.**

**30-Day Right to Examine Certificate. Please read this Certificate carefully. If You are not satisfied for any reason, You may notify Us that You are cancelling Your Certificate within 30 days from the date of delivery by calling us at 1-800-GETMET8. If You notify Us that You are cancelling within the 30 day period, this Certificate will be void from the beginning. We will refund any premium or Contribution paid within 30 days after We receive Your notice of cancellation.**

**This Certificate is issued under a Group Policy issued and delivered in California.**

**THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT PROVIDE MEDICAL COVERAGE.**

**Florida Residents: The benefits of the policy providing Your coverage are governed primarily by the laws of a state other than Florida.**

**Maryland Residents: The Group Policy providing coverage under this Certificate was issued in a jurisdiction other than Maryland and may not provide all of the benefits required by Maryland law.**

**WE ARE REQUIRED BY STATE LAW TO INCLUDE THE NOTICE(S) SECTION WHICH FOLLOWS THIS PAGE. PLEASE READ THE(SE) NOTICE(S) CAREFULLY.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, OR TO MAKE A COMPLAINT, CONTACT METLIFE AT:**

**METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY  
ATTN: CONSUMER RELATIONS DEPARTMENT  
1-800-GET-MET8 (OR 1-800-438-6388)  
500 SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD  
JOHNSTOWN, PA 15904**

**IF, AFTER CONTACTING METLIFE, YOU FEEL THAT A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION HAS NOT BEEN REACHED, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AT:**

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE  
CONSUMER COMMUNICATION BUREAU  
300 SOUTH SPRING STREET, SOUTH TOWER  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90013**

**WEBSITE://[www.insurance.ca.gov/](http://www.insurance.ca.gov/)**

**1-800-927-4357 (within California)  
1-213-897-8921 (outside California)**

## NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF FLORIDA

If You were a resident of Florida on Your Certificate effective date, this notice applies to You.

The following provision is added to the When Insurance Ends section of this Certificate if that section does not include an Extension of Benefits provision. If the When Insurance Ends section includes an Extension of Benefits provision, We will only pay benefits under one provision, which will be the one that pays the most.

### EXTENSION OF BENEFITS

If a Covered Person is Confined on the date Your insurance ends, and You do not continue insurance under the At Your Option: Continuation with Premium Payment provision, We will pay certain benefits for such Covered Person if the Confinement continues after Your insurance ends, in accordance with, and subject to all of the following:

- No benefits will be available under this Extension of Benefits provision if Your insurance ends due to non-payment of premium.
- The Confinement Benefit will be payable if requirements for payment of that benefit are met while the Covered Person is Confined. No other benefits will be payable.
- Benefits payable under this Extension of Benefits provision will be paid in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions of this Certificate, except as set forth in this provision.
- Benefits under this Extension of Benefits provision will end on the earlier of:
  - the date the Covered Person is no longer Confined; or
  - the end of the number of days that Confinement Benefits are payable for the Confinement.
- If the Covered Person is again Confined at any time after discharge, no further benefits will be payable.

## **NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF MAINE**

If You were a resident of Maine on Your Certificate effective date, this notice applies to You.

You have the right to designate a third party to receive notice if Your insurance is in danger of lapsing due to a default on Your part, such as non-payment of a Contribution that is due. You may make this designation by completing a "Third Party Notice Request Form" and sending it to MetLife. Once You have made a designation, You may cancel or change it by filling out a new Third Party Notice Request Form and sending it to MetLife. The designation will be effective as of the date MetLife receives the form. Call MetLife at the toll-free telephone number shown on the face page of this Certificate to obtain a Third Party Notice Request Form.

Within 90 days after cancellation of coverage for nonpayment of premium, You, any person authorized to act on Your behalf, or any covered Dependent may request reinstatement of the Certificate on the basis that You suffered from cognitive impairment or functional incapacity at the time of cancellation.

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## COVERED PERSON SPECIFICATIONS

Certificate Effective Date:	See Insured's Certificate or the Group Policyholder's participant file which has been provided to MetLife
Group Policyholder: Group Policy Number:	Aspen HR PEO, LLC 0230503
MetLife Contact Information:	1-800-GETMET8
Your Name:	See Insured's Certificate or the Group Policyholder's participant file which has been provided to MetLife
Your Certificate Number:	See Insured's Certificate or the Group Policyholder's participant file which has been provided to MetLife
Coverage for Your Dependents	See Insured's Certificate or the Group Policyholder's participant file which has been provided to MetLife

This Covered Person Specifications page is part of Your Certificate. Please keep it with Your Certificate.

## SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE

**IMPORTANT NOTE: Payment of the benefits listed in this Schedule is subject to all of the conditions, maximums, limitations, exclusions and Proof requirements contained in the provisions of this Certificate. PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE CERTIFICATE CAREFULLY.**

**The benefit amounts listed on this Schedule are subject to reduction in accordance with the Benefit Reduction Due to Age section of this Certificate.**

The benefits listed only apply to Dependents if insurance is in effect for Your Dependents under this Certificate. Please refer to the Covered Person Specifications page and the Eligibility Provisions: Dependent Insurance section of this Certificate for details.

### HOSPITAL BENEFITS

### Benefit / Limit

#### Admission Benefit

\$1,000 for the day of admission

We will pay the Admission Benefit no more than:  
1 time per Covered Person, per calendar year

#### ICU Supplemental Admission Benefit

\$1,000 for the day of admission

#### Confinement Benefit

The Confinement Benefit is not payable for a day for which the Admission Benefit is payable.

\$200 per day

We will pay the Confinement Benefit  
for no more than:

15 days per Covered Person, per calendar year

#### Confinement Benefit for Newborn Nursery Care

\$50 per day

We will pay the Confinement Benefit for Newborn  
Nursery Care for no more than 2 days per  
newborn baby

#### ICU Supplemental Confinement Benefit

\$200 per day

We will pay the ICU Supplemental Confinement  
Benefit for no more than:

15 days per Covered Person, per calendar year



## DEFINITIONS

As used in this Certificate, the terms listed below will have the meanings set forth below. Other terms may be defined where they are used. When defined terms are used in this Certificate, they will appear with initial capitalization. The plural use of a term defined in the singular will share the same meaning.

**Accident** means an act or event which:

- is unforeseen, unexpected and unanticipated;
- is definite as to time and place; and
- occurs while insurance is in effect under this Certificate.

The term Accident includes unavoidable exposure to the elements if such exposure was a direct result of an Accident.

**Accidental** means happening by Accident.

**Actively at Work or Active Work** means that You are performing all of the usual and customary duties of Your job on a Full-Time basis. This must be done at:

- the Group Policyholder's place of business;
- an alternate place approved by the Group Policyholder; or
- a place to which the Group Policyholder's business requires You to travel.

You will be deemed to be Actively at Work during weekends or Group Policyholder approved vacations, holidays or temporary business closures if You were Actively at Work on the last scheduled work day preceding such time off.

**Certificate** means this Certificate including any riders attached to it.

**Complications of Pregnancy** means diseases or conditions, the diagnoses of which are distinct from pregnancy and not associated with normal pregnancy or Routine Childbirth, but are adversely affected or caused by pregnancy, such as: acute nephritis; nephrosis; cardiac decompensation; non-elective or emergency Caesarean section; ectopic pregnancy which is terminated; a spontaneous termination of pregnancy when a viable birth is not possible; puerperal infection; eclampsia; hyperemesis gravidarum and pre-eclampsia requiring Confinement; toxemia; missed abortion; or disease of the vascular, hemopoietic, nervous or endocrine systems.

The term Complications of Pregnancy does not include: false labor; occasional spotting; doctor prescribed rest during the period of pregnancy; morning sickness; multiple gestation pregnancy; elective abortion; or conditions of comparable severity associated with management of a difficult pregnancy.

**Confined or Confinement** means the assignment to a bed as a resident inpatient in a Hospital (including an Intensive Care Unit of a Hospital) on the advice of a Physician or confinement in an observation area within a Hospital for a period of no less than 20 continuous hours on the advice of a Physician.

**Contribution** means the amount You must pay towards the total premium charged by Us for insurance under this Certificate.

**Covered Person** means You and, if insured under the Group Policy for the insurance described in this Certificate, Your Dependents.

**Dependent** means Your Spouse, and/or Dependent Child. No person can be insured for Hospital Indemnity Insurance under the Group Policy as both an employee and a Dependent.

## **DEFINITIONS (Continued)**

**Dependent Child** means the following:

- Your biological child, while such child is younger than the Dependent Child Age Limit;
- Your adopted child, while such child is younger than the Dependent Child Age Limit; or
- Your stepchild, including a child of Your Domestic Partner, while such child's parent is Your Spouse or Domestic Partner and such child is younger than the Dependent Child Age Limit.

The term Dependent Child does not mean an unborn or stillborn child.

A person cannot be insured for Hospital Indemnity Insurance as a Dependent Child of more than one employee under the Group Policy.

**Dependent Child Age Limit** means:

- the end of the calendar month in which the Dependent Child reaches age 26.

**Dependent Insurance** means insurance under this Certificate for Your Dependents.

**Domestic Partner** means each of two people, one of whom is You, who:

1. have registered their domestic partnership with the California Secretary of State, or who have established a relationship of equivalent status in another jurisdiction; or
2. are of the same or opposite sex and have a mutually dependent relationship so that each has an insurable interest in the life of the other. Each person must be:
  - 18 years of age or older;
  - unmarried;
  - the sole domestic partner of the other;
  - sharing a Primary Residence with the other; and
  - not related to the other in a manner that would bar their marriage in the jurisdiction in which they reside.

A Domestic Partner declaration attesting to the existence of an insurable interest in one another's lives must be completed and Signed by You.

## DEFINITIONS (Continued)

**Emergency Room** means an area within a Hospital that is dedicated to the provision of emergency care. This area must:

- be staffed and equipped to handle trauma;
- be supervised and provide treatment by Physicians; and
- provide care seven days per week, 24 hours per day.

The term Emergency Room includes short stay observation units or clinical decision units within a Hospital that assess, within a period of less than 20 continuous hours, whether to discharge or admit patients.

**Full-Time** means Active Work on the Group Policyholder's regular work schedule for the class of employees to which You belong. The work schedule must be at least 20 hours per week.

**Group Policy** means the policy of insurance issued by Us to the Group Policyholder under which this Certificate is issued.

**Group Policyholder** means Aspen HR PEO, LLC.

**Hospital** means a short-term, acute care, general facility which:

- is primarily engaged in providing, by or under the continuous supervision of Physicians, to inpatients, diagnostic and therapeutic services for diagnosis, treatment and care of injured or sick persons;
- has organized departments of medicine;
- has facilities for major Surgery either on its premises or through contractual arrangement with another Hospital;
- has a requirement that every patient must be under the care of a Physician or dentist;
- provides 24-hour nursing service by or under the supervision of a registered professional nurse (R.N.);
- is duly licensed by the agency responsible for licensing such Hospitals; and
- is not, other than incidentally, a place of rest, a place primarily for the treatment of tuberculosis, a place for the aged, a place for drug addicts or alcoholics, or a place for convalescent, custodial, educational or rehabilitative care.

The term Hospital does not include a separate unit of a Hospital that is licensed as a hospice facility, nursing home, skilled nursing facility, assisted living facility, rehabilitation facility or an outpatient Surgery facility.

**Injury** means any bodily harm that results directly from an Accident.

## **DEFINITIONS (Continued)**

**Intensive Care Unit or ICU** means a place which:

- is a specifically dedicated area of a Hospital that is restricted to patients who are critically ill or injured and who require intensive, comprehensive monitoring and care;
- is separate and apart from the surgical recovery room and from rooms, beds and wards customarily used for patient Confinement;
- is permanently equipped with special lifesaving equipment for the care of the critically ill or injured;
- is under close observation by a specially trained nursing staff assigned exclusively to the intensive care unit on a 24 hour basis; and
- has a Physician assigned to the intensive care unit on a full-time basis.

The term Intensive Care Unit includes Hospital units with the following names: intensive care unit; coronary care unit; neonatal intensive care unit; pulmonary care unit; burn unit; or transplant unit.

**Medical Restriction** means a person is:

- restricted to the person's home under a Physician's care;
- receiving or applying to receive disability benefits from any source;
- an inpatient in a Hospital;
- receiving care in a hospice facility, an intermediate care facility or a long-term care facility; or
- receiving chemotherapy, radiation therapy or dialysis.

**Newborn Nursery Care** means routine well baby care provided to a newborn baby while Confined immediately following a Covered Person's childbirth of such baby.

## **DEFINITIONS (Continued)**

**Physician** means:

- a person licensed to practice medicine and prescribe and administer drugs or to perform Surgery in the jurisdiction where such services are performed; or
- a medical practitioner who is licensed to provide a service for which a benefit is payable under this Certificate, according to the laws and regulations of the jurisdiction where such service is performed, and who is acting within the scope of such license.

The term Physician does not include:

- You;
- Your Spouse or anyone to whom You are related by blood or marriage;
- anyone with whom You are residing;
- Your adopted or stepchild;
- anyone with whom You share a business interest; or
- Your employee.

**Primary Residence** means the dwelling where a person lives for the majority of the time, whether the person owns or rents the dwelling.

**Proof** means Written evidence establishing the occurrence, the character and the extent of the loss for which a claim is made for any benefit described in this Certificate.

Except as provided in the Physical Examinations and Autopsy provision of this Certificate, Proof must be provided at the claimant's expense.

**Routine Childbirth** means the vaginal delivery of a child or children or the delivery of a child or children by elective Cesarean section.

**Routine Pregnancy** means a normal pregnancy that does not have Complications of Pregnancy.

## **DEFINITIONS (Continued)**

**Schedule** means the Schedule of Benefits that appears in this Certificate, and the Covered Person Specifications page.

**Sickness** means:

- a physical illness, physical infirmity or physical disease;
- Complications of Pregnancy; or
- Routine Childbirth.

The term Sickness does not include:

- Routine Pregnancy; or
- routine nursery care or well-baby care for a newborn child.

**Signed** means any symbol or method executed or adopted by a person with the present intention to authenticate a record. The signature may be transmitted by paper or electronic media, provided it is consistent with applicable law.

**Spouse** means Your lawful spouse or Your Domestic Partner.

**Surgery** means a procedure performed by a Physician involving an incision of the Covered Person's skin or tissue that, in and of itself, is intended to be curative, palliative or exploratory.

**United States** means the United States of America, its territories and its possessions.

**We, Us** and **Our** mean Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

**Write, Written** or **Writing** means a record that may be transmitted by paper or electronic media, and that is consistent with applicable law.

**You** and **Your** means an employee who is insured under the Group Policy for the insurance described in this Certificate.

## **ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOU**

### **ELIGIBLE CLASS**

#### **CLASS 1**

All Active Full-Time Employees

### **DATE YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR INSURANCE**

You may only become eligible for the Hospital Indemnity Insurance available for Your eligible class.

If You are in an eligible class on the date insurance becomes available for the class, You will be eligible for insurance on the date You complete any applicable eligibility waiting period set by the Group Policyholder.

If you enter an eligible class after the date insurance becomes available to members of that class, You will be eligible for insurance on the date You complete any applicable eligibility waiting period set by the Group Policyholder.

### **ENROLLMENT PROCESS**

If You are eligible for insurance, You may enroll for such insurance by completing the required form. You must also provide Written permission to deduct Contributions from Your pay for such insurance, if You are required to make such Contributions.

### **DATE YOUR INSURANCE TAKES EFFECT**

Provided that You are Actively at Work in an eligible class, insurance under this Certificate will take effect for You on the Certificate effective date. If You are not Actively at Work in an eligible class on the date insurance would otherwise take effect, insurance will take effect on the date You return to Active Work in an eligible class.

### **BENEFIT CHANGES**

Once Your insurance takes effect, You may only change Your benefits in accordance with the options available through the Group Policyholder. Please contact Us or the Group Policyholder for more information.

If You are not Actively at Work in an eligible class on the date an increase in benefits would otherwise take effect, the increase will not take effect until You return to Active Work in a class that is eligible for the increase.

## **ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: DEPENDENT INSURANCE**

### **ELIGIBLE CLASS FOR DEPENDENT INSURANCE**

All Class 1 employees of the Group Policyholder as specified in the Eligibility Provisions: Insurance For You section of this Certificate are eligible for Dependent Insurance.

### **DATE YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR DEPENDENT INSURANCE**

If You are in a class of employees who are eligible for Dependent Insurance on the date Your insurance takes effect, You will be eligible for Dependent Insurance on the later of the following:

- the date Your insurance takes effect; and
- the date an individual becomes Your first Dependent.

If You enter a class of employees who are eligible for Dependent Insurance after the date Your insurance takes effect, You will be eligible for Dependent Insurance on the later of the following:

- the date You enter a class eligible for Dependent Insurance; and
- the date an individual becomes Your first Dependent.

### **ENROLLMENT PROCESS**

If You become eligible for Dependent Insurance, You may enroll for such insurance by providing Us with any information We require for each Dependent to be insured. You must also provide Written permission to deduct Contributions from Your pay for Dependent Insurance, if You are required to make such Contributions.

### **DATE DEPENDENT INSURANCE TAKES EFFECT**

#### **Newborn Children**

A Dependent Child born to You while insurance is in effect under the Certificate will be covered:

- from the moment of birth and does not need to be enrolled if Dependent Insurance is already in effect for at least one other Dependent Child; or
- for 31 days from the moment of birth if Dependent Insurance is not already in effect for at least one other Dependent Child. To continue coverage beyond the first 31 days You must notify Us of the child's birth and give Written permission to deduct Contributions from Your pay for Dependent Insurance for the newborn child.

The effective date of insurance for a newborn child will be determined without regard to whether the child is under a Medical Restriction.

#### **Adopted Children**

A Dependent Child adopted by You or Placed for Adoption with You while insurance is in effect under the Certificate will be covered:

- from the moment of birth if Placement for Adoption or adoption occurs within 31 days after the child's birth; or
- from the date of adoption or Placement for Adoption if the child is adopted by You or Placed for Adoption with You more than 31 days after the child's birth.



## **ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: DEPENDENT INSURANCE (Continued)**

The child does not need to be enrolled if Dependent Coverage is already in effect for at least one other Dependent Child. If Dependent Coverage is not already in effect for at least one other Dependent Child, then to continue the child's coverage beyond the first 31 days of coverage, You must notify Us of the child's adoption or Placement for Adoption and give Written permission to deduct Contributions from Your pay for Dependent Insurance for the adopted child. You must do this within 31 days of the date the child is adopted by You or Placed for Adoption with You.

The effective date of insurance for a newly adopted child will be determined without regard to whether the child is under a Medical Restriction.

**Placed for Adoption** or **Placement for Adoption** means the assumption and retention by You of a legal obligation for total or partial support of a child in anticipation of Your adoption of the child.

### **Other Dependents**

Dependent Insurance for a Dependent who is not under a Medical Restriction will take effect on the later of:

- the date You are enrolled for Dependent Insurance for such Dependent; or
- the date a person becomes Your Dependent.

If a Dependent is under a Medical Restriction on the date insurance for such Dependent would otherwise take effect, insurance for the Dependent will take effect on the date the Dependent is no longer under a Medical Restriction.

### **BENEFIT CHANGES**

Benefit changes with respect to a Dependent are subject to the Benefit Changes provision in the Eligibility Provisions: Insurance for You section of this Certificate.

## **HOSPITAL BENEFITS**

**Payment of the Hospital Benefits described in this section are subject to all of the conditions, maximums, limitations, exclusions and Proof requirements contained in the provisions of this Certificate.**

### **HOSPITAL ADMISSION BENEFITS**

#### **Admission Benefit**

If a Covered Person is admitted for Confinement to a Hospital for treatment of an Injury or Sickness, We will pay the Admission Benefit shown on the Schedule for the day of admission, subject to all of the following:

- The admission must occur on or after the date that coverage took effect under this Certificate for such Covered Person.
- The Admission Benefit is not payable for Emergency Room treatment or outpatient treatment.
- We will only pay the Admission Benefit for a Covered Person for one Hospital admission at a time, even if the admission is caused by more than one Injury or Sickness or a combination of Injury and Sickness.
- For Hospital admission for treatment of an Injury, the admission must occur within 180 days after the Accident occurs.
- We will only pay an Admission Benefit for a newborn baby who is born in a Hospital if, due to a Sickness or Injury, the newborn baby is admitted to the Intensive Care Unit.
- If a Covered Person is admitted to a Hospital and is then transferred to another Hospital, We will not pay an additional Admission Benefit.
- We will pay the Admission Benefit no more than the number of times shown on the Schedule.

#### **ICU Supplemental Admission Benefit**

We will pay the ICU Supplemental Admission Benefit shown on the Schedule, in addition to the Admission Benefit, if a Covered Person, upon initial admission for Confinement to a Hospital for treatment of an Injury or Sickness, is admitted to an ICU, subject to all of the following:

- The admission must meet the requirements for payment of the Admission Benefit.
- For an ICU admission for treatment of an Injury, the admission must occur within 180 days after the Accident occurs.
- If the Covered Person moves to an ICU after initial admission to a Hospital, We will not pay the ICU Supplemental Admission Benefit.

## **HOSPITAL BENEFITS (Continued)**

### **HOSPITAL CONFINEMENT BENEFITS**

#### **Confinement Benefit**

If a Covered Person is Confined in a Hospital for treatment of an Injury or Sickness, We will pay the Confinement Benefit shown on the Schedule for each day of Confinement, subject to all of the following:

- The Confinement must begin while coverage is in effect under this Certificate for such Covered Person. For Confinement for treatment of an Injury, the Confinement must begin within 180 days after the Accident occurs.
- If a Covered Person is Confined in a Hospital and is then transferred to another Hospital, We will treat the transfer as a continuation of the prior Confinement.
- We will only pay one Confinement Benefit per Covered Person, per day.
- We will not pay a Confinement Benefit for a day that the Admission Benefit is payable.
- We will pay the Confinement Benefit for no more than the number of days shown on the Schedule.
- For a newborn baby who is receiving Newborn Nursery Care and is not Confined for treatment of a physical illness, infirmity, disease or Injury, We will pay the Confinement Benefit for Newborn Nursery Care shown on the Schedule for such baby, while Confined, up to the number of days shown on the Schedule. If a newborn baby is Confined for treatment of a physical illness, infirmity, disease or Injury, We will pay the Confinement Benefit instead of the Confinement Benefit for Newborn Nursery Care.

#### **ICU Supplemental Confinement Benefit**

We will pay the ICU Supplemental Confinement Benefit shown on the Schedule, in addition to the Confinement Benefit, for each day a Covered Person is Confined in an ICU for treatment of an Injury or Sickness, subject to all of the following:

- The ICU Confinement must meet the requirements for payment of the Confinement Benefit.
- We will only pay the ICU Supplemental Confinement Benefit for a day on which the Confinement Benefit is payable.
- For an ICU Confinement for treatment of an Injury, Confinement in the Intensive Care Unit must begin within 180 days after the Accident occurs.
- We will pay the ICU Supplemental Confinement Benefit for no more than the number of days shown on the Schedule.

## LIMITATIONS

### BENEFIT REDUCTION DUE TO AGE

A benefit payable with respect to a Covered Person will be reduced as described in the table below, based on the Covered Person's Attained Age.

Attained Age means the Covered Person's age on the day for which a benefit is payable under this Certificate.

<b>Attained Age</b>	<b>Reduction Amount</b>
65 to 69	Any benefit payable will be reduced by 25% of the amount listed for that benefit in the Schedule if the Covered Person's Attained Age is 65 to 69. For example, a \$100 benefit, as listed in the Schedule, will be paid at \$75 if the Covered Person's Attained Age is 67.
70 or older	Any benefit payable will be reduced by 50% of the amount listed for that benefit in the Schedule if the Covered Person's Attained Age is 70 or older. For example, a \$100 benefit, as listed on the Schedule, will be paid at \$50 if the Covered Person's Attained Age is 72.

## EXCLUSIONS

We will not pay benefits for any loss due to an Accident or Sickness for a Covered Person caused by:

- the Covered Person's voluntary use, by any means, of:
  - poison, gas, or fumes;
- the Covered Person's suicide or attempted suicide (while sane or insane);
- the Covered Person's intentionally self-inflicted injury;
- war, whether declared or undeclared; or act of war;
- the Covered Person's active participation in an insurrection, rebellion or riot;
- dental procedures or Surgery except as the result of an Accident causing Injury to a sound natural tooth;
- cosmetic Surgery, except when such Surgery is performed to:
  - treat an Injury or Sickness;
  - correct a disorder of normal bodily function or structure that was caused by an Injury or Sickness for which coverage is not otherwise excluded under this Certificate; or
  - reconstruct a part of the body which was disfigured or removed as a result of an Injury or Sickness for which coverage is not otherwise excluded under this Certificate;
- the Covered Person's mental illness, or the diagnosis or treatment of such mental illness, except for the Covered Person's use of:
  - any drug, medication or sedative that is taken or used as prescribed by a Physician; or
  - an "over the counter" drug, medication or sedative taken as directed; or
- activities required by the Covered Person's service in the armed forces or any auxiliary unit of the armed forces of any country or international authority.

In addition, We will not pay benefits for:

- a Covered Person while incarcerated in any type of penal or detention facility; or
- any of the following outside of the United States, Canada or Mexico:
  - any medical or healthcare treatment, services or transportation; or
  - any inpatient admission or stay in any medical or health care facility.

### INTOXICANTS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

We shall not be liable for any loss sustained or contracted in consequence of the Covered Person's being intoxicated or under the influence of any controlled substance unless administered on the advice of a Physician.

### ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OR COMMISSION OF A FELONY

We shall not be liable for any loss to which a contributing cause was the commission of or attempt to commit a felony by the Covered Person whose injury or sickness is the basis of claim, or to which a contributing cause was such Covered Person's being engaged in an illegal occupation.

The following additional exclusions apply to payment of benefits for any loss due to an Accident:

We will not pay benefits for any loss due to an Accident for a Covered Person caused by:

- the Covered Person's travel or flight in any aircraft except as a fare-paying passenger on a regularly scheduled charter or commercial flight;
- the Covered Person parachuting or otherwise exiting from a motorized or non-motorized aircraft while such aircraft is in flight, except for self-preservation;
- the Covered Person riding in or driving any motor-driven vehicle in a race, stunt show or speed test;
- the Covered Person participating in any semi-professional or professional competitive athletic activity for which any type of compensation or remuneration is received; or
- the Covered Person bungee jumping, base jumping, hang gliding, para-kiting, sail-gliding, scuba diving deeper than 130 feet; spelunking; or mountaineering including rock climbing using ropes and any other climbing equipment. For the purposes of this exclusion the term mountaineering does not include backpacking, mountain biking, hiking or trail running.

## **EXCLUSIONS (Continued)**

The following additional exclusions applies to payment of benefits for any loss due to a Sickness:  
We will not pay benefits under this Certificate for:

- a Dependent Child's Routine Childbirth; or
- the Covered Person's alcoholism, drug addiction or chemical dependency.

## WHEN INSURANCE ENDS

**Please Note: If insurance ends under this section, in certain cases it may be continued as stated in the Continuation of Insurance section of this Certificate. Please see that section for details.**

### DATE YOUR INSURANCE ENDS

Your insurance under this Certificate will end on the earliest of:

- the date the Group Policy ends;
- the date You die;
- the date insurance ends for Your class;
- the end of the period for which the last full premium has been paid for Your insurance;
- the end of the calendar month in which You notify Us that You wish to cancel Your insurance;
- the end of the calendar month in which You cease to be in an eligible class, subject to the Change in Class provision of the Eligibility Provisions: Insurance for You section; or
- the end of the calendar month in which Your employment ends.

### For residents of Massachusetts:

If You are a resident of Massachusetts and Your insurance under this Certificate is ending under the above provision because Your employment has ended, instead of insurance ending on the date Your employment ends, the following timelines apply:

- If Your employment ends for any reason other than a Plant Closing or a Partial Plant Closing, Your insurance will end 31 days after the date Your employment ends. However, if during such 31 day period You become entitled to benefits under another policy that are similar to the benefits provided under this Certificate, insurance under this Certificate will end on the date You become entitled to such other benefits.
- If Your employment ends due to a Plant Closing or a Partial Plant Closing Your insurance will end 90 days after the date Your employment ends. However, if during such 90 day period, You become entitled to benefits under another policy that are similar to the benefits provided under this Certificate insurance under this Certificate will end on the date You become entitled to such other benefits.

### DATE DEPENDENT INSURANCE ENDS

A Dependent's insurance under this Certificate will end on the earliest of:

- the date Your insurance under this Certificate ends;
- the date Dependent Insurance ends under the Group Policy for all employees or for Your class;
- the end of the calendar month in which the person ceases to be a Dependent;
- the end of the calendar month in which You cease to be in a class that is eligible for Dependent Insurance;
- the end of the calendar month in which the Dependent is no longer eligible as described in the Eligible Classes for Dependent Insurance provision; or
- the end of the period for which the last full premium has been paid for insurance for the Dependent.

## **WHEN INSURANCE ENDS (Continued)**

### **EXTENSION OF BENEFITS**

If a Covered Person is Confined on the date Your insurance ends, and You do not continue insurance under the At Your Option: Continuation with Premium Payment provision, We will pay certain benefits for such Covered Person if the Confinement continues after Your insurance ends, in accordance with, and subject to all of the following:

- No benefits will be available under this Extension of Benefits provision if Your insurance ends due to non-payment of premium.
- The Confinement Benefit will be payable if requirements for payment of that benefit are met while the Covered Person is Confined. No other benefits will be payable.
- Benefits payable under this Extension of Benefits provision will be paid in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions of this Certificate, except as set forth in this provision.
- Benefits under this Extension of Benefits provision will end on the earlier of:
  - the date the Covered Person is no longer Confined; or
  - the end of the number of days that Confinement Benefits are payable for the Confinement.
- If the Covered Person is again Confined at any time after discharge, no further benefits will be payable.

### **CHANGE IN CLASS**

If there is more than one class eligible for insurance under the Group Policy, and each class has its own certificate, instead of receiving a new certificate when You move between classes, You will remain insured under this Certificate if:

- You move to a class that is eligible for Hospital Indemnity Insurance under the Group Policy; and
- the benefits available to Your new class are identical to the benefits available under this Certificate.

In all other cases when You move between classes, Your insurance under this Certificate will end on the date You are no longer a member of the class eligible for insurance under this Certificate.



## CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE

### AT YOUR OPTION: CONTINUATION WITH PREMIUM PAYMENT

If Your insurance ends under the Date Your Insurance Ends provision of this Certificate, in certain situations, it may be continued for You and Your Dependents, as described in this provision. This is referred to in this provision as "Continued Insurance". Evidence of insurability will not be required to obtain Continued Insurance. For purposes of this provision, insurance in effect under the Group Policy for which the Group Policyholder remits premium is referred to in this provision as "Group Billed Insurance".

Except as described below, Continued Insurance is subject to all of the conditions, maximums, limitations, exclusions and Proof requirements contained in the provisions of this Certificate.

#### Requirements for Continued Insurance

Continued Insurance will be available to You if:

- Your Group Billed Insurance ends for any reason other than:
  - non-payment of premium or Contribution; or
  - the end of the Group Policy, provided that Continued Insurance will be available to You if You do not become eligible, within 30 days after the end of the Group Policy, for hospital indemnity insurance under another policy of group insurance available through the Group Policyholder;
- We receive Your completed Written request for Continued Insurance on a form approved by Us within 31 calendar days after Your Group Billed Insurance ends; and
- You pay premiums required for Continued Insurance by the due date specified in the premium notice sent to You.

#### Changes in Continued Insurance

You may elect to decrease Your insurance after the date that Continued Insurance goes into effect for You if a lower benefit option is available. In addition, You may end insurance for any or all of Your Dependents. Please contact Us for information. You may not increase insurance once Continued Insurance goes into effect.

#### Contributions for Continued Insurance

The Contribution that You must pay for Continued Insurance is the amount of Your Contribution for Your Group Billed Insurance before it ended, plus any amount of premium that the Group Policyholder paid. The Contribution that You must pay for Continued Insurance will be determined on the same basis as premium rates charged for Group Billed Insurance. We have the right to change premium rates in accordance with the terms set forth in the Group Policy. All payments for Continued Insurance must be made directly to Us by the due date specified in the premium notice We send to You.

## **CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE (Continued)**

### **End of Continued Insurance**

Continued Insurance will end on the earliest of the following dates:

- the date You die;
- if You do not pay a Contribution that is required for Continued Insurance, the end of the period for which the last full premium has been paid for Your insurance;
- with respect to Continued Insurance for a Dependent:
  - the date Continued Insurance for You ends for any reason;
  - the end of the calendar month in which the Dependent no longer meets the definition of a Dependent; or
  - the end of the calendar month in which the Dependent is no longer eligible as described in the Eligibility Provisions: Dependent Insurance section of this Certificate.

### **FOR MENTALLY OR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN**

Insurance for a Dependent Child may be continued past the age limit if that child is incapable of self-sustaining employment because of a mental or physical handicap as defined by applicable law. Proof of such handicap must be sent to Us within 31 days after the date the Dependent Child attains the age limit and at reasonable intervals after such date, but no more often than annually after the two year period following such Dependent Child's attainment of the limiting age.

Except as stated in the Date Dependent Insurance Ends provision of the When Insurance Ends section of this Certificate, insurance will continue while such Dependent Child:

- remains incapable of self-sustaining employment because of a mental or physical handicap; and
- continues to qualify as a Dependent Child, except for the age limit.

### **FOR FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE**

Certain leaves of absence may qualify under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA) or similar state laws for continuation of insurance. Please contact the Group Policyholder for information regarding the FMLA or any similar state law.

## CLAIMS

### FILING A CLAIM

To file a claim for Benefits under this Certificate, You must give Us notice of the claim and submit Proof of the claim to Us as described in this provision.

### NOTICE OF CLAIM

Written notice of claim must be given to Us within 20 days after a loss for which benefits are provided under this Certificate occurs, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably possible. Notice given by or on behalf of You to Us at 1-800-GETMET8, or to any authorized agent of MetLife, with information sufficient to identify You, shall be deemed notice to Us.

### CLAIM FORMS

We, upon receipt of a Written notice of claim, will give the claimant such forms as are usually given by Us for filing Proof of loss. If We do not do this within 15 days after a claimant gives Us such notice, the claimant shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements under this Certificate as to Proof of loss upon submitting, within the time fixed in this Certificate for filing Proof of loss, Written Proof covering the occurrence, the character and the extent of any loss for which claim is made.

### PROOFS OF LOSS

Written Proof of loss must be given to Us within 90 days after the date of any such loss. Failure to give Proof within the time required shall neither invalidate nor reduce any such claim if it was not reasonably possible to give Proof within such time, provided such Proof is furnished as soon as reasonably possible and in no event, except in the absence of the legal capacity of the claimant, later than one year from the time Proof is otherwise required.

### TIME OF PAYMENT OF CLAIM

Amounts payable under this Certificate for any loss will be paid immediately upon receipt of due Written Proof of such loss.

### PAYMENT OF BENEFITS

Unless You have assigned this insurance, all benefits to be paid under this Certificate will be paid to You, except as follows:

- If any claim under this Certificate shall be payable to Your estate or to a person who is a minor or otherwise not legally competent to give a valid release, We may pay such claim up to an amount not exceeding \$1,000 to any relative by blood or marriage of the claimant who is deemed by Us to be equitably entitled to it. Any payment made by Us in good faith pursuant to this provision shall fully discharge Us to the extent of such payment.
- Any claim for an Ambulance Benefit will be paid directly to the ambulance services provider.

If benefits have been assigned, We will pay benefits in accordance with the Assignment provision of the General Provisions section.

### YOUR BENEFICIARY

A beneficiary may be named by You to receive any benefit that becomes payable to You under this Certificate that You are not alive to receive.

You may request to change Your beneficiary at any time. A beneficiary change request must be made to Us in Writing. Once the request is recorded, the change will take effect as of the date You sign the request, whether or not You are living when We receive the request. The change will be subject to any legal restrictions. It will also be subject to any payment We made or action We took before We recorded the change. If You designated two or more beneficiaries and their shares are not specified, they will share the benefit payable equally.

## **CLAIMS (Continued)**

If there is no beneficiary designated or no surviving beneficiary at Your death, We will determine the beneficiary according to the following order:

1. Your Spouse, if alive;
2. Your child(ren), if there is no surviving Spouse;
3. Your parent(s), if there is no surviving child;
4. Your sibling(s), if there is no surviving parent; or
5. Your estate, if there is no surviving sibling.

Instead of making payment in the order above, We may pay Your estate. Any payment made in good faith will discharge our liability to the extent of such payment. If a beneficiary or a Payee is a minor or incompetent to receive payment, We will pay that person's guardian.

## **AUTHORIZATIONS**

We may require that You provide authorization for Us to obtain medical information and any other information pertinent to Your claim.

## **PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS AND AUTOPSY**

We, at Our expense, shall have the right and opportunity to examine the person of any individual whose Injury or Sickness is the basis of a claim when and as often as it may be reasonably required during the pendency of a claim under the Certificate and to make an autopsy in the case of death where it is not forbidden by law.

## **LEGAL ACTIONS**

No action, at law or in equity shall be brought to recover on this Certificate prior to the expiration of 60 days after Written Proof of loss has been given in accordance with the requirements of this Certificate. No such action shall be brought after the expiration of three years after the time Proof of loss is required to be given

## **REFUND TO US FOR OVERPAYMENT OF BENEFITS**

If, at any time, We determine that the benefits paid under this Certificate were more than the benefits due:

- You, or any other person, entity or health care provider to whom We over paid benefits have the obligation to reimburse Us for the amount of such overpayment; and
- We have the right to recover the amount of such overpayment from You, or any other person, entity or health care provider to whom We over paid benefits, including offsetting future benefits payable to You or such other person, entity or health care provider by an amount equivalent to the overpayment.

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **ENTIRE CONTRACT: CHANGES**

The Group Policy (including the application of the Group Policyholder, and any exhibits, amendments or endorsements to the Group Policy) constitutes the entire contact between the parties.

No change in the Group Policy shall be valid unless approved by an executive officer of MetLife and unless such approval be endorsed or attached to the Group Policy. No agent has authority to change the Group Policy or waive any of its provisions.

### **TIME LIMIT ON CERTAIN DEFENSES**

No claim for loss incurred after three years from the effective date of the insurance coverage with respect to which the claim is made shall be reduced or denied on the ground that a disease or physical condition, not excluded from coverage by name or specific description effective on the date of loss, had existed prior to the effective date of the coverage with respect which the claim is made.

### **MISSTATEMENTS OF AGE**

If a Covered Person's age is misstated, the amount payable shall be such as the premium paid for the coverage of such individual would have purchased at the correct age.

### **ASSIGNMENT**

The insurance rights and benefits under this Certificate are assignable. MetLife will recognize the assignee(s) under such assignment as owner(s) of a right, title and interest in this Certificate if:

1. a Written form, conclusively establishing the assignment has been completed;
2. the Written form has been Signed by the assignor, the assignee(s) and the Group Policyholder; and
3. the Written form is delivered to MetLife for recording.

### **CONFORMITY WITH STATE STATUTES**

Any provision of this Certificate, which, on its effective date is in conflict with the laws of the State of California is hereby amended to conform to the minimum requirements of such statute.

### **STANDARD OF TIME**

All insurance becomes effective and terminates at 12:01 A.M. Eastern Standard Time, or at 12:01 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time if Daylight Savings Time is then being observed.

### **ACCESS TO DISCOUNTS FOR SERVICES**

You will receive access to discounts for certain services, where available.